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# Gas prices continue to rise at the pump



Sign of the Times -NEX officials say these gas-rationing signs on the Citgo pumps could disappear, possibly as early as next week. (Photo by Art Frith)

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Everywhere drivers travel around the Memphis area, they find one thing in common: that gas prices are going through the ceiling.

According to Navy Exchange officials, motor fuels are projected to continue being in tight supply in the Mid-Atlantic area through May 5, due to a federal mandate enacted last summer banning methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE), a known potential contaminate of drinking water. MTBE is typically added to reformulated gasoline as an oxygenate for lower hydrocarbon emissions from vehicle exhaust systems. The additive is being replaced by ethanol, requiring refiners to draw down pipeline and inventory supplies to make the conversion.

At the same time, refiners will make the seasonal changeover to lower Reid vapor pressure gasoline. A draw-down of 18 million barrels of gasoline coincides with this product conversion, as refiners conduct seasonal maintenance. Oil

industry analysts predict that consumers may encounter short outages at gas stations. NEX officials stated in an April 20 press release, "Rest assured, we are working very closely with our fuel supplier to coordinate deliveries, so as to minimize outages at NEX gas stations."

NEX officials pointed out that the increase in fuel prices are being impacted by various fundamentals, such as shrinking gasoline supplies just in advance of the summer driving season, global production problems in major producing oil countries and anxiety about possible oil disruptions due to Middle East conflicts. These are just some of the events that are causing gasoline futures to be the highest for a month contract since the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina last summer.

While gas prices have continued climbing steadily, the availability of gasoline on NSA Mid-South is another story. Earlier this year, the refinery on Presidents Island that supplies

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## Tuition assistance CHANGES

By LAURIE COULSTON  
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Effective immediately, the waiver approval process for requests for waivers to the 12-hour Tuition Assistance (TA) limit will be relaxed. Navy College officials expect requests for waivers of up to 16 semester hours to be favorably received.

Navy College offices cannot approve TA beyond the 12-hour limit unless the request for a waiver has already been approved by Pensacola when submitting a TA application to the Navy College Office for processing.

If you are reaching, or have reached, the 12-hour limit in FY-06, you are encouraged to submit a request for a waiver for the credits you need and can justify.

For more information on the TA waiver process, visit the Navy College web site at <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil> or call your Navy College Office at 874-5290.

**CHILD Care**

An increase in funding will mean improvements in base

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# NAVY BIDS "TOMCAT" FAREWELL

COURTESY OF MILITARY.COM

The world's most-recognized aircraft — the fast and lethal F-14 — is roaring off into Naval history.

The people who supported research, development, test and training for the mighty Tomcat will soon shutter the program at NAS Patuxent River, Md.

The Tomcat program (PMA-241)

will host a disestablishment ceremony April 27. Rear Admiral David Venlet, NAVAIR's program executive officer for tactical aircraft and a Tomcat aviator, will speak at the ceremony.

The event, which is open to the public, will also serve as a farewell to program manager Chris Frayser, who will transfer his expertise to the E-2/C-2 program (PMA 231). Following the ceremony, the program is hosting a reception at the Flight Deck Lounge.

"We are recognizing a legacy — the effort of sustaining the Tomcat, a mainstay in Naval Aviation for 32 years," said Lt. Cmdr. Bob Hyde, assistant program manager for logistics.

Over the years, the F-14 has been transformed from a single-mission air-to-air fighter to a combat-proven precision strike/attack aircraft and digital

tactical reconnaissance platform. It became an icon in popular culture with the 1986 motion picture *Top Gun*, and later regular appearances on the television series *JAG*. Its

sweeping wings

and muscle-plane design are recognized around the globe. "The F-14 is one of the most storied aircraft in the Navy, and this is our way to honorably retire an airframe that has served our country faithfully," said Lt. Mike Doxey, assistant class desk.

The Tomcat program started in January 1968, with Naval Air Systems Command's decision to conceive a new air-to-air fighter aircraft. The aircraft moved rapidly through development - completing first flight in December 1970. The first production F-14A was delivered in May 1972, and two Tomcat squadrons geared up in October 1972.

A significant improvement was made to the aircraft in November 1987, with the upgrade to General Electric F110 engines. This modified aircraft was designated the F-14B. The F-14D

added a new, state-of-the-art digital avionics system, one of the most powerful and advanced digital processing air-to-air radar systems at the time, as well as a

high-performance passive infrared search and track system.

In June 1996, the Tomcat successfully deployed its first low-altitude navigation and targeting infrared and night (LANTIRN) squadron, VF-103. With the LANTIRN pod, the Tomcat possessed an accurate autonomous designation and targeting capability for delivery of laser-guided bombs. The system is effective during day or night sorties and at high altitudes. Starting in April 1997, all battle groups were equipped with LANTIRN-capable F-14 aircraft. The grand finale for the F-14's transformation has been the aircraft's performance in allied actions and operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Tomcats have

delivered precision-guided munitions over Belgrade, Kabul and Baghdad. VF-41 was the first Tomcat squadron to be awarded the coveted McClusky

Award as the best attack squadron in the Navy, for its outstanding performance during allied actions. VF-102 won the McClusky Award in 2002, for its performance over Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2003, Operation Iraqi Freedom saw the

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The last F-14 Tomcat aircraft to fly a combat mission arrives on board Sherman Field at NAS Pensacola, Fla., on April 13. The F-14D aircraft, bureau number 161159, was assigned to the Black Lions of VF-213, as part of Carrier Air Wing Eight, embarked aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). The aircraft will now become a display aircraft at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. (Photo by Gary Nichols)

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# COMMENTARY

## Individual augmentees — be prepared!

Hoo-yah, Warriors! Today's article is about individual augmentees (IAs). You've seen emails, news stories and Naval messages that address this topic, so hopefully by me addressing IAs, I can either answer your questions or direct you to the right location for your answer.

For three years, we've had sailors in Iraq; Afghanistan; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and the Horn of Africa supporting efforts in the war on terror. Navy heroes have stepped up to the plate and have answered the call as IAs and continue to do so. BZ to you!

In the future, we will continue to increase and maintain our support. NAVAD-MIN 83/06 outlined the need for IA readiness. The message was simple and to the point; all sailors are potential IAs and all sailors need

to be ready to support the Global War on Terror.

Let me discuss that: The Navy along with our sister services are not only conducting combat operations we are providing support in things such as law enforcement, EOD, intelligence, linguistics, and public affairs. Obviously this list is not all-inclusive, and as the needs and missions shift, we need to be ready to adapt.

Additionally, our Navy has been heavily involved in detainee operations, civil affairs missions and provisional reconstruction teams to name a few; doing all this while keeping the world seelanes clear and meeting the maritime mission world-

wide.

We are an "Any Mission, Any time" Navy.

How else can you help?



BY PACIFIC FLEET MASTER CHIEF (SS/SW) R.D. WEST

That means Page 2s and security clearances updated, good physical conditioning, medical and dental health is maintained, and all the other financial, legal and personal affairs are handled.

Not to make too fine a

point on the issue, we recently sent a large number of sailors to their initial combat training in preparation for their IA assignments.

Of that group, many had significant medical readiness issues that negatively impacted an already tight training schedule. We can't afford to do this.

I know about this impact because Navy leadership has visited Fort Jackson, S.C., and watched the training our sailors are undergoing.

The force master chief of manpower, personnel, training and education, FORM (AW/SS/SW/PJ) Michael J. McCalip, told me that during his recent visit he saw (1) outstanding sailors who were upbeat, focused, and showed positive attitudes about preparing to deploy to support the war on terror, (2) A Navy training staff that was focused on getting our warriors ready for deployment, and (3) a cadre of U.S. Army DIs who are dedicated to helping our sailors understand new and unfamiliar mission areas.

I would expect nothing less, but the Navy-Army training team can only do so much. We have to do our part and ensure we are ready, when called upon.

Which brings me to my next point. Pre-screening for IA. Again, it falls to our

front-line leadership to make sure we are doing the right thing by the Navy and the sailors.

When the IA call goes out, we need to make sure the people we send can do the job. They have to be physically, medically, and mentally ready. Just checking the box with a name is the wrong answer.

Now I realize the job of finding just the right person, with the right skills, and completely prepared isn't always easy. No one ever said it would be. The Navy is taking several steps to lessen the impact IA duty has on sailors and their families.

First, leadership is engaged to reduce the personal and family hardships of IA by increasing the notification lead times. This will give us the time we need to help our sailors prepare as well as take care of family matters.

Second, the Navy is putting out as much advance information as possible through the Navy Knowledge Online (www.nko.navy.mil) portals by developing an individual augmentation portal page.

When you log into NKO, there is a large box at the top of the home page asking if you are an individual augmentee preparing for deployment. Click there and it will take you to every-

thing you could possibly want to know. The portal includes Fort Jackson training information, uniform requirements, IA checklists, the whole nine yards.

Please make use of this service, as its only purpose is to make your life easier.

Wrapping it all for you, the IA requirements are a reality and we must be ready - from junior to senior, officer to enlisted. That means individually, we keep ourselves in a deployable status. On the leadership side, we must ensure we are leading and managing our folks to the highest possible state of readiness in case the call comes.

I realize very much how disruptive individual augmentation can be for not only the commands but for the sailors and their families, but if we all keep focus, we can keep that disruption to a minimum and complete the mission while taking care of the business at hand.

Keep up the great work you all are doing, we are making a difference on the oceans, in the air and on the ground. I look forward to seeing you in the fleet.

Fleet Tip: All personnel (sailors, families and ombudsmen) should log onto NKO and review the checklist for IA assignments. If you want to volunteer, contact your chain of command. Be ready! HOO YAH!

## VIRGINIA CHANGES IN-STATE TUITION ELIGIBILITY RULES

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WASHINGTON (NNS) - Starting July 1, all dependents of military service members stationed in Virginia are eligible for in-state college tuition rates, a move that should save military families thousands of dollars in higher education costs.

According to the text of the bill signed April 6 by Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, dependents of military members permanently stationed at any of the number of military bases in the state will be considered residents of Virginia for the purpose of eligibility for in-state tuition rates. Previously, a military member had to establish official residency at least a year prior to enrollment for a family member to be eligible for in-state tuition at a state-supported university in Virginia.

No member or dependent will be required to change their official residency to Virginia from another state to receive in-state tuition rates, as long as the student remains enrolled in school. The in-state tuition rates remain even if a student transfers between two

Virginia schools. "This move is great news for military families stationed in Virginia," said MCPON (SS/AW) Terry D. Scott, the master chief petty officer of the Navy. "It's often difficult and time-consuming to change an official residency, and many of our families have selected the state for their official residency for a good reason. Now they no longer have to make a choice between changing residency and taking advantage of Virginia's in-state tuition rates."

Active-duty members will continue to be eligible for in-state tuition rates in Virginia by using the Tuition Assistance education benefit. The difference between in-state tuition rates and out-of-state is substantial in Virginia. According to figures from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, out-of-state tuition rates for state-funded universities can be nearly three times as much as in-state rates. "This is going to make a big difference in the quality of life of military families in Virginia," Scott said. "This is going to ease the financial burden of sending a student to college, and open up greater opportunities to attend school in the state for our families."

## CNIC Support Center expands service to include NMCI MAC requests

BY ZONA LEWIS  
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Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) employees in the continental United States can now call the CNIC Support Center for NMCI move, add and change (MAC) requests. In the past, users had to go through multiple layers within their command to process a MAC request. CNIC has simplified the process.

Users call the Support Center directly with their request, and the Support Center processes them. Any requests that would incur a charge or require a higher

approving authority within the user's command would be forwarded by the Support Center to the user's appropriate authority for approval. In August 2005, regions began transitioning to the Support Center for NMCI requests involving computer asset moves, adding or deleting software, changing the user's name, changing a distribution list, or other functions.

Currently CNIC headquarters, Navy Region Southwest Region, Navy Region Midwest, Navy Region Southeast, Naval District Washington, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic and Navy Region Northwest are using the Support Center for

computer support requests. The following areas are coming online this month: Navy Region Hawaii, Navy Region South, Navy Region Gulf Coast and Navy Region Northeast.

There are two ways to make requests to the Support Center:

Via the Web (24/7) - Go to www.cnihelp.com and click on the @ E-Support link at the top right of the page and select the appropriate system listed; or via phone (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. EST) - Call 1-888-CNI-4ALL (1-888-264-4255) or DSN: 942-6597 (Option 4). Talk with a CNIC Support Center customer service representative.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Uniform Change** - The shift to summer uniform of the day will occur at 12:01 a.m. Monday. There is no transition period.

**National Day of Prayer** - Come join the base Chapel staff for the 2006 NSA Mid-South National Day of Prayer service on May 4 @ 7:55 a.m. at the command building flagpole. The service will include morning colors.

**Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon** - will be held at the Helmsman Complex ballroom on May 4 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Cmdr. Russell Chang, NSA Mid-South executive officer. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door. Contact the Base Chapel Center at 874-5341 for more information.

**National Day of Prayer "America Honors God"** - is sponsored by the South Tipton Ministerial Association and will be held on May 4 from 12 to 1 p.m. @ River of Life Assembly of God.

**Vacation Bible School 2006** will be held at the NSA Chapel Center June 26-30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for children ages 5-12 years old. Registration forms and Medical Power of Attorney, which all participants must have, are available at the **Chapel Center**. Teenage helpers, who also must be registered, are also welcome and needed as volunteers. For more information, contact the NSA Chapel Center @ 874-5341.

**The Memphis Symphony Orchestra** says farewell to the First Tennessee Masterworks season May 6 at 8 p.m. and May 7 at 2:30 p.m. in a concert that features a world premiere composition written by MSO horn player Robert Patterson. The Saturday concert will be at the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Memphis and the Sunday concert will be at the Germantown Performing Arts Centre on Exeter Road in Germantown.

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**The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society** offers assistance if a personal emergency occurs. This organization exists to help Sailors, Marines and their families in need. The hours of operation are as follows: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If help is needed, please call NMCRS to schedule an appointment at 874-7350. The newly renovated **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store** is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month.

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## Chaplain's Corner NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

BY CHAPLAIN ROB BEEDE

The president has proclaimed May 4 as a day of national prayer. This is an annual event in which people gather to pray for our nation and for those who lead it. The National Day of Prayer was created by an act of Congress in 1952 and is intended for peoples of all faiths to pray to God for our nation.

There will be a service held at the NSA Mid-South flagpole (Building 455) from 7:55 to 8:15 a.m. It will include music by the Navy Band, the raising of colors, Scripture reading, prayer, and refreshments to follow. I hope you will attend. For more information, please call the chapel at 874-5341.

Max Lucado, a well-known Christian author, offers the following prayer for the National Day of Prayer:

Dear God,  
Not to us, O Lord, but to you goes all

the glory.

We depend on you, you give birth and breath and determine our days, you make every nation and set every boundary. We exist by your power.

We exist for your glory. Showcase your power through this land. Display your justice in our courts, wisdom in our governments, guidance in our schools and love in our homes.

Have mercy upon our sins. We have disrespected your word, disregarded your gifts, discarded your children. We are sorry. Forgive us, dear Father.

Grant strength to all our leaders. May they serve you first and honor you most. Remind us of the brevity of this life and the beauty of the next. Prepare our souls for the day we meet you in eternity.

This we pray in your holy name, Amen.

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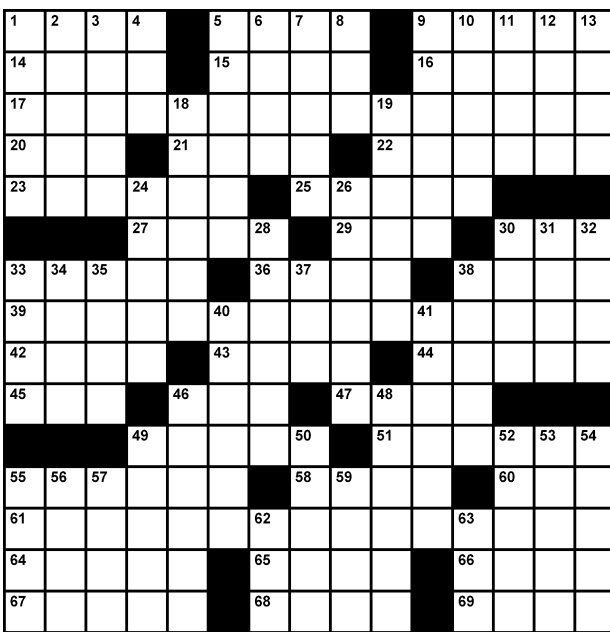
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS





# Branson is rockin' with a new attraction



He Hasn't Lost That Lovin' Feeling - The Righteous Brothers' Bill Medley took the stage at Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater last Saturday night in Branson. (Photo by Art Frith)

By ART FRITH  
NSA MID-SOUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Take a six-hour drive north-west of Millington across the border of Arkansas and Missouri, and you'll find yourself in one of the country's

The newest Branson attraction is designed to transport you back in time to 1950s Philadelphia, to the earliest days of *American Bandstand*. *Dick Clark's American Bandstand Rock, Ride and Remember* will hold its grand opening tomorrow.

Three years in the planning, the *Rock, Ride and Remember* complex includes the American Bandstand Grill, serving up sodas, shakes, burgers and fries and much more in a setting loaded with rock 'n' roll memorabilia. There's plenty of comfortable seating in the 975-seat American Bandstand Theater, where live performances by legendary recording artists from the 50s and 60s will take you back to a time when rock 'n' roll was king. Performers scheduled to appear include: The Righteous Brothers' Bill Medley and Paul Revere & The Raiders Show, Gary Lewis and The Playboys; and various performers in the musical tribute, *The Original Stars of American Bandstand*, hosted by Fabian. Also appearing are "The Comets," five of the original six members of Bill Haley and The Comets. Rock 'n' roll icon Paul Revere, of Paul Revere and The Raiders, said, "You gotta see The Comets. I'm 68 now and these guys are in their 80s. I'm telling you, they really rock!"

When you take the stairs or elevator to the basement, you'll find yourself whisked

back to small-town America. This lifestyle exhibit features an amazing collection of classic automobiles from 1957. Chris Lucchi, the manager partner of the complex, said the vehicles are from the private collection of Glenn Patch, "There are 55 cars on display from 1957, representing every manufacturer," Lucchi said. He also pointed out, "This is the first public viewing of the Patch collection, which, until now, had been stored in a warehouse in Phoenix, Ariz." There is a local connection to the American Bandstand attraction. The son of retired YNCS Mike and Judy LaRiviere of Bartlett, Mike LaRiviere is one of the assistant managers. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1984 and has worked in various department store and hotel jobs during the past 11 years he's lived in Branson. Sporting a big smile, LaRiviere said, "This is a dream come true for me. It's what I've always wanted to do."

The ITT office, located in the Helmsman Complex, can help you with planning a trip to Branson to visit any of the shows and attractions, including *Dick Clark's American Bandstand Rock, Ride & Remember*. The office phone number is 874-5455. You can also find additional information on-line at <http://www.lbranson.com/branson/dick-clarks-american-bandstand-theater/934>.

premier family vacation destinations ... Branson, Mo. There are more than 100 shows and exhibits to choose from, including such high-profile shows as *Silver Dollar City*, *The Dixie Stampede*, *The Pierce Arrow Theater* and *50s at the Hop*.

## RENTER'S INSURANCE: GET IT NOW!

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Military members residing on and off base should invest in a renter's insurance policy. Renter's insurance is very affordable, available for payment in monthly installments, and covers loss of property on and off base not covered under the Personnel Claims Act.

Based on the significant loss of personal property during Hurricane Katrina, in on- and off-base housing, it is important for service members living off-base in rental properties or on-base in housing to realize the importance of having renter's insurance. Also, for those residing on base who suffer property loss or theft of personal property, it is important to understand the Personnel Claims Act and the extent that it does and does not cover loss of personal property by Department of the Navy personnel.

After Hurricane Katrina, a small number of members residing on base reported theft of personal property after numerous contractors worked on their housing unit. Similarly, members residing in rental properties off base reported the theft of personal property following the storm. Neither of these groups is eligible to file a Personnel Claims Act claim with the Navy for these losses. However, renter's insurance would cover such losses for those living in base housing or a rental property off base.

Here is how the two items compare:

**Renter's Insurance**  
\* **Losses covered:** Theft, damage and destruction of property in on-base government quarters or an off-base rental property. Includes non-issue uniform items, food spoilage, electronics and most belongings.  
\* **Eligibility:** Either the service member or the spouse, if on policy.

\* **Cost:** Payable in monthly installments (usually very affordable fee).

**Personnel Claims Act**

\* **Losses covered:** Damage or destruction of property on base or in a government building or quarters due. Includes non-issue uniform items damaged or destroyed. On base only.

\* **Eligibility:** The service member must file, with one exception. A spouse with a power of attorney may file in place of the service member.

\* **Cost:** No charge to file a claim, but the Claims Act is different and not as comprehensive as renter's insurance in its coverage.

Remember, you need to take steps now to protect yourself against the loss of personal property. Renter's insurance is an inexpensive way for those residing in base housing or off base rental properties to protect their personal property. Contact your insurance company today to sign up for renter's insurance!

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**LEGAL LESSONS**

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## Motorcycle Accidents

Since my practice deals with injury cases so much, I investigate a good number of motorcycle accidents.

Most of these are what is referred to as "motorcycle vs. car" collisions. You may be surprised to find who is usually at fault. It is almost always the car's driver. Why?

It has to do with visibility. Motorcycles have at least one headlight on constantly while in operation to make it more visible. Due to their slim frontal cross-section, it is easy to miss seeing the motorbike coming, especially in crowded traffic, darkness or bad weather. Some headlights even flash slightly, and some bikes have gone to two smaller head lights, rather than one large one in efforts to combat the inherent problem. This lack of visibility has also led to the wearing of bright orange or green vests by some riders.

I see the real life results of this diminished visibility every day. Usually it is a shattered right leg of the cyclist.

The typical scenario is that the motorcycle is coming through an intersection where they have the right of way, and car pulls from a stop sign right into bike. This impact shatters the rider's right leg as it is crushed between the bumper of the car and the side of the bike. Usually rods, screws and pins are inserted to align bone fragments of the leg.

The other typical accident is even worse. It happens when the car makes it a bit further across an intersection, and the motorcycle (with nowhere to go) strikes the drivers side, front wheel area. This stops the speeding bike abruptly, and the rear of the bike catapults upward-sending the rider sailing sometimes a hundred feet into oncoming traffic. Usually, this is fatal for rider and any occupants.

Please note that in both these cases, the motorcycle rider was not at fault at all. Please keep an eye out for motorcyclists. They may never recover from it if you or I don't notice them...even just once.

According to government numbers, the median household income in Tennessee for a 4-person family is \$55,907.

— David Britton Peel is a Millington attorney who primarily handles serious injury, death and disability cases, along with closings and wills. If you would like to contact Mr. Peel, you may do so at 901-872-4229 or at [dpeel@bigriver.net](mailto:dpeel@bigriver.net). Mr. Peel is also available to speak to your church or club.

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# DoD to increase funding for military child care

By Art Frith  
NSA Mid-South Public Affairs

Military bases across the country and overseas continue to see shortfalls in available child care services for their personnel. In a move to address the estimated shortage of about 27,000 military child-care spaces, Defense Department officials announced last week that \$92 million has been earmarked to help the services buy modular or prefabricated facilities and to help pay for the renovation and expansion of current child care facilities.

Most of the new or added facilities will be ready within the next year. The modular construction is designed to allow an entire center to be built off-site quickly and inexpensively, according to the military's specifications, and then trucked to its new, on-base home.

The focus is to increase child care services at installations experiencing high deployment rates or affected by long child care waiting lists, and at bases gaining troops through overseas redeployments.

According to Ronnie Miles, NSA Mid-South MWR director, the additional funding at the DoD level will increase the



Modular, pre-fabricated buildings, similar to this one next to the base Child care Center, are part of the plan designed to help ease the child care service shortages throughout the military. (Photo by Art Frith)

child care services currently provided onboard NSA Mid-South for at least the initial year. MWR is working to expand the present child care facilities on base. "We are working with Public Works to develop future expansion of the existing center, or add additional facilities on the existing property," Miles said.

As is the case at many duty stations, including NSA Mid-South, bases are experiencing a shortage when it comes to providing child care services. Some of the classrooms at the child care center have

been shifted around to deal with the shortage. MWR has recently modified rooms in the existing child care center to support more infants. This allows the child care center to operate two each infant, toddler and preschool classrooms.

The projected waiting list here for child care center services is 85. This number includes in-bound personnel, as well as those personnel waiting for the birth of their child. For anyone currently stationed here, or in receipt of orders, that high number might seem a bit discour-

aging. However, Sharon Evans, NSA Mid-South child and youth program director, says, "Don't let that (the projected 85 number waiting list) shock you. Go ahead and apply. Age and priority category determines whether placement is with the child care center, or with one of the certified child development home providers." Evans said the one prefabricated unit on base, which will be used in the child care services area, will support up to 24 preschool age children and is expected to be open by the end of April or early May.

# OOOPS!

## COURTESY OF THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

A GS-11 was moving to a new cubicle, which necessitated opening a few boxes. Lacking the usual tools for battling tape and cardboard, she made do with a small screwdriver. She soon succeeded in opening her right index finger. Then, like Bart at the beginning of The Simpsons, she had to write on the blackboard 100 times, "Use the right tool for the job." We hope that she is left-handed, or it might have been difficult.

Is anyone troubled by this description of a PR3's recent off-duty mishap: "Crashed on mountain bike on a down slope of 65 degrees." It has been a long time since I took geometry, and I don't keep a protractor handy, but doesn't 65 degrees seem just a tad vertiginous? I consulted a handy web site that deals with designing mountain bike trails, and it said, among other things, "the textbook maximum trail slope angle

is 15 percent, but realistically, a 30 percent trail grade is tolerable, but only for short (30 feet) sections." It also says to describe slope as a percent, not in degrees. 50 percent equals 27 degrees, which it calls "a steep climb for an intermediate rider," so even if the PR3's slope was 65 percent, it still exceeded the max. It was intense enough to deliver him forcefully to earth with unspecified injuries that kept him on light duty for eight days. If it really was 65 degrees, you have to wonder, wasn't there a cliff handy? Why didn't he just put on one of those parachutes that he works with every day and find a 90-degree slope?

The latest loser of a round of "Gotcha!" was a GSM3 bidding adieu to his better half in his driveway. She was heading to the store. He was leaning in to make sure that everything was on the list. He stepped back and noticed a screwdriver adrift in the driveway. His wife was just about to run over it. Y'know how they say the

hand is quicker than the eye? That may be true, but the foot isn't quicker than the tire. So the trip to the store became a trip to the nearest military hospital, and a screwdriver was saved from being squashed at the cost of a day with the docs, 18 lost workdays, and three weeks of LIMPDU.

Here at the "Ooops!" news desk, we are critically interested in all of the big W's of journalism - the whats, wheres and whens. The one that looms largest is the why, and I've got to tell you, that one is sometimes the biggest mystery of all. To wit, an E-5 in Italy who was, according to the message, "walking on top of a fence." Needless to say, it was 0320. Ditto, he'd been quaffing a few. Almost ditto, he slipped off, at which point the nearest and sharpest part of the fence punctured his posterior. "Press interest unlikely," the report erroneously concluded, having omitted us from the equation. We are always interested in sailors and

Marines who are staggering around, halfway between the witching hour and sunrise, exercising high levels of ingenuity in the creation of absolutely needless mishaps.

Citgo station. According to Debbie Elder, NEX retail operations manager, "If we had not put into effect the 10-gallon limit, we would run out of gasoline early in the day and have a lot of unhappy customers." Elder said the NEX receives its daily allocation from the supplier each day at mid-

night. The fuel is then delivered to the base during the early morning hours and downloaded into the storage tank. She went on to say it's anticipated that the situation will improve shortly and that the rationing could possibly end the first week in May.

aircraft proved itself among the best multi-mission aircraft ever built during air-to-ground and close air support sorties, while flying alongside the Navy's F/A-18 Super Hornet, which the Navy has chosen as its successor. The program's disestablishment caps three decades of continuous development and improvement to the last. "This success is part of our team's continuing contribution to the Navy-wide goal of delivering the right force, with the right readiness and at the right cost," said Venlet, who oversees the efforts of PMA 241. "You'll see much more of this, as the Naval Aviation Enterprise continues to streamline development and procurement of the systems we send forward to our fleet warfighters."

## Gas CONTINUED FROM 1

the Citgo station shut down, in order to upgrade its equipment. This resulted in shortages to its customers — the NEX being one of many — and brought on rationing at the NEX

## Tomcat CONTINUED FROM 1

simultaneous deployment of all three existing F-14D squadrons and the F-14D's first release of a joint direct-attack munition in a combat environment. In late 2005, the Tomcat also became the first Navy platform to be equipped with Rover compatibility, which allowed transmission of real-time streaming video to troops on the ground.

Two Tomcat squadrons returned in March from a last deployment aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). With an average service life of 15 years, the aging

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U.S. Congressman John Tanner, and other USO volunteers in Washington assemble care packages to send to troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. The USO volunteers prepared 3,000 packages consisting of items such as toiletries, playing cards and disposable cameras. Tanner, a Vietnam-era veteran of the Navy and a retired Colonel of the Tennessee Army National Guard, represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional district, which includes numerous National Guard units, the Milan Army Arsenal, Naval Support Activity Mid-South and portions of Fort Campbell. (Photo courtesy of Congressman Tanner's office.)



# NASCAR brakes for Talladega

BY JEFFREY NICHOLS  
COMMANDER NAVY RECRUITING  
COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The no. 88 Navy "Accelerate Your Life" Monte Carlo heads to the Talladega Superspeedway to participate in the Aaron's 312 in Talladega, Ala., April 29.

Driver Mark McFarland will be at the wheel of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s JR Motorsports-owned no. 88 Navy "Accelerate Your Life" Monte Carlo. The fleet honoree for the race will be USS Milius (DDG 69). Milius is an Arleigh Burke-class Aegis guided missile destroyer that provides multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities in support of the Nation's maritime security. Milius is stationed in San Diego.

As of the Nashville race April 15, McFarland is 23rd in the Busch Series standings.

McFarland began the Nashville race in the 20th position and finished 33rd after being involved in an accident. "There was just a big pileup on the backstretch and there was nowhere to go," McFarland said. "Someone got loose up ahead of us and the car on the outside of me cut down. There was another car on my inside and I just had nowhere to go." After the accident, the no. 88 crew took the car to the garage and was able to repair the damage enough to get the car back on the track and finish the race. "The teamwork, speed and agility shown by the crew working to get Mark's car back on the track is true evidence of the Navy's can-do attitude," said NCCS Jeff Priest, the Navy's Motorsports program manager.

The Talladega race will be

live at 2 p.m. on WHBQ channel 13, WGKK FM-105.9 (Kix 106), and XM channel 144.



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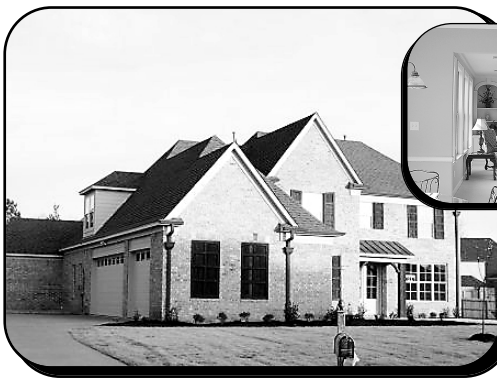
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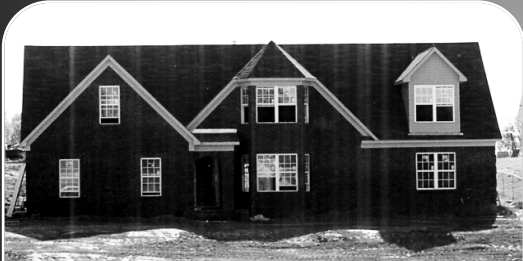


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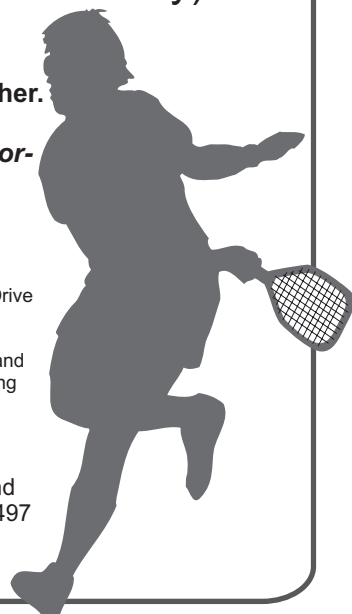
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May 22 - Session 3 (6:30 p.m.) Review Basic Forehand and Backhand, Serve and Serve Return, Ceiling balls, passing shots, Strategy, Doubles play (if time permits.)

Patrons must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Stop by the Joe Dugger Fitness and Wellness Center bldg S-499 or call (901) 874-5497 for more information and/or to sign up.



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## From the Intramural Sports Coordinator:



### Intramural Bowling League

It is time again to get the men and women of your command, unit or competitive code for the intramural bowling league. So dust off your bowling balls and join us on Friday nights at the Bartlett Bowling Lanes located at 6276 Stage Rd. Teams will consist of 4 members of your competitive unit, command or code and team entries must conform to the Intramural sports structure and have a minimum of 1 person of the opposite sex on the team. Active duty, retirees, reserves, DoD civilians and their dependents age 17 or older are eligible to participate. All players will be required to be sanctioned and the bowling fees are \$10 per person per week. The roster deadline is Friday, 5 May. There will be a coaches meeting at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 19 and games will start at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 19. The league will run for 10 weeks and will end on July 28. This Intramural Program generates points for Captain's Trophy. To register your team or obtain additional information contact Michael Ballard at 874-4904, e-mail at Michael.I.ballard@navy.mil or Amy at 874-5383, e-mail at apruitt@nasms.navy.mil.

### Intramural Tennis League

The Intramural Sports office is now accepting rosters for the Intramural Tennis League. This sport generates Captain Trophy Points; therefore all teams must be formed from their commands, codes and competitive units. Rosters are due on Friday, April 28. A coaches meeting will be held on Monday, May 1 at 11 a.m. at the N-82 gym sports and fitness complex. For more information, please contact Amy at 874-5383. You can turn in your rosters for this sport by dropping them off at the N-82 gym, faxing them at 874-5409 or e-mailing them to apruitt@nsams.navy.mil. If you have any questions about these sports, please contact Amy at the Athletic Office at 874-5383.

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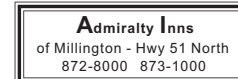
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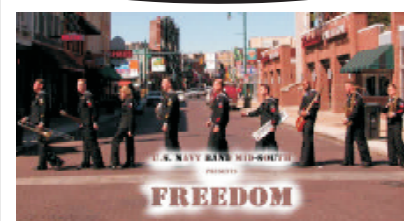
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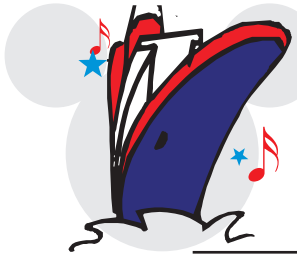
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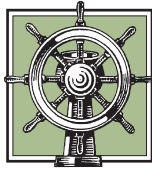


### Cardinals vs Dodgers at New Busch Stadium! ITT Overnight trip scheduled July 14-15

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Mashed potatoes with gravy,  
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seasoned green beans,

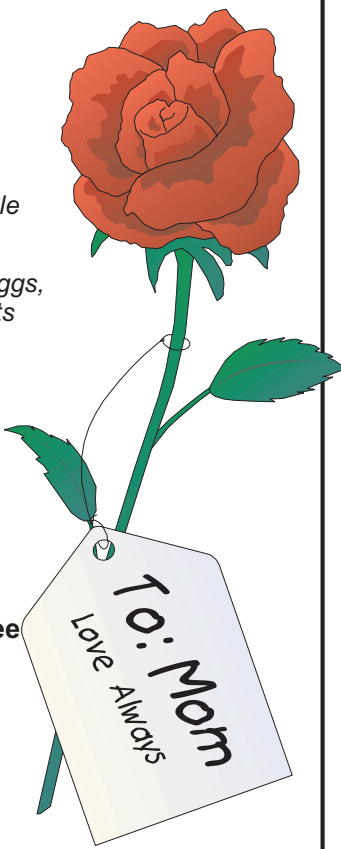
Bacon, sausage links, scrambled eggs,  
Grits, French toast, rolls and biscuits

Caesar salad, Mushroom salad,  
Tomato and Cucumber salad,  
Pasta salad, fruit salad,

Strawberry cake, Chocolate  
Seduction cake, Carrot cake,  
Lemon pie

Adults \$9  
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## IN THE COMING WEEK!

## APRIL 28- MAY 6, 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>BINGO!</b> Join the Fun! Join the Fun!	<b>Mother's Day Special</b> <b>Friday, May 12, 4 - 10 p.m.</b>  Free dinner served 5 - 7 p.m. Southern Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and Dinner Rolls  Navy Mid-South MWR Bingo Program Helmsman Complex Bldg. S-760 Call (901) 874-5443 for more information.			<b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 27</b> Roast Beef Pit Smoked Ham	<b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet 28</b> Fried Catfish Lemon Pepper Chicken   <b>TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER</b> Every Friday  Mongolian BBQ 5 - 8 p.m. Oaks Dining  <b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!  Free Movie 6 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Munich (R)	 <b>FAMILY MOVIE DAY!</b> Ellison Rec. Center Every Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. (Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.) Chicken Little  <b>Last day!</b> this season for <b>Family Skate Night</b> and <b>Saturday Play Day!</b> (Programs return in the fall)  Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Rumor Has It (PG 13)
30  <b>Sunday Champagne Brunch</b> 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Helmsman Complex  Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Title to be announced	1 <b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> Lemon Pepper Chicken Chicken Fried Steak  Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Title to be announced	2 <b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> BBQ Ribs BBQ Chicken  Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Title to be announced	3 <b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> Southern Fried Chicken Liver and Onions  Family Recreation Night 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center Call 874-5155 for details!  Karate (Shorin-Ryu) 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center  <b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!  Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Title to be announced	4 <b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> Roast Beef Pit Smoked Ham  Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Title to be announced	5 <b>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</b> Fried Catfish Beef Tips with Wine Sauce  <b>Friday night Tunica trip</b> Call (901) 874-5455   <b>Concerts by the Green!</b> Every Friday Golf Course  Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Title to be announced	6  <b>FAMILY MOVIE DAY!</b> Ellison Rec. Center Every Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. (Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.) Title to be announced  Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center Title to be announced







# FOURTH ANNUAL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS!



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In order to find the best people, places and food in the Millington, Atoka, Munford, Drummonds and Brighton areas we are asking you, the readers of *The Millington Star* to decide.

The top choice in each category will be announced in a special edition of *The Millington Star* in June.

Each winner will receive a certificate announcing them *The Millington Star's* 2006 Readers' Choice Winner.

### Readers' Choice Rules

- Only ballots printed in *The Millington Star* will be counted. No copies accepted.
- Ballots may be deposited in a ballot box at *The Millington Star*, or mailed to: *The Millington Star*, P.O. Box 305, Millington, TN 38083
- **ENTRY DEADLINE IS 5:00PM May 23, 2006.**
- Only one entry per person.
- A maximum of 3 votes may be cast in different categories per ballot for a particular person, place, business or institution.
- Please cast votes for your choice locally within each category.

Complete the form on the right to register in our drawing to win \$50!!!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*A minimum of 50% of this ballot must be completed to be counted. All ballots must contain a name to be counted. The winner in each category will be the entry which receives the most votes on original entry forms printed in *The Millington Star* editions. In the event that more than three votes are cast for the same individual, business or location on any submitted ballot all votes for them will be disqualified, on that ballot. In the event of a tie in a particular category, multiple awards may be awarded. The purpose of this contest is to allow the readers for *The Millington Star* to recognize their favorites in the local coverage area. *The Millington Star* **DOES NOT** decide the winners.

### Reader's Choice of People

(Fill in the name of the person and employer when applicable. Example: Secretary: Jane Doe, *The Millington Star*)

Local Man of the year_____	Nurse_____	College/University Dean_____
Local Woman of the year_____	Plumber_____	College/University Teacher_____
Waitress/Waiter_____	Accountant_____	Financial Advisor_____
Salesperson_____	Heating/Cooling_____	Attorney_____
Secretary_____	Pharmacist_____	Electrician_____
Receptionist_____	Veterinarian_____	Mortgage Broker_____
Boss_____	Carpenter_____	Physician_____
Law Enforcement Officer_____	Mechanic_____	Pediatrician_____
Principal_____	Banker_____	Dentist_____
Fireman/woman_____	Eye-Care Specialist_____	Massage Therapist_____
Landscape_____	Barber/Hairdresser_____	Friendliest Staff_____
Chiropractor_____	Real Estate Agent_____	City Employee_____
Teacher (K-12)_____	Insurance Representative_____	Home Builder_____

### Reader's Choice of Restaurants

Place to Pig Out_____	Salad_____	BBQ_____
Chinese Food_____	Fast Food_____	Fried Chicken_____
Italian Food_____	Atmosphere_____	Hot Wings_____
Mexican Food_____	Bakery_____	Baked Beans_____
Seafood_____	Ice Cream_____	Appetizer_____
Breakfast_____	Fine Dining_____	Beverages_____
Steaks_____	Family Dining_____	Happy Hour_____
Pizza_____	Buffet_____	Fajita_____
Quickest Drive-Thru_____	Home Cooking_____	Dessert_____
Deli_____	French Fries_____	Fresh Vegetables_____
Lunch_____	Overall Restaurant_____	Gumbo_____
Hamburger_____	Coffee_____	Catering Service_____
Friendliest Service_____	Margarita_____	Jambalaya_____

### Reader's Choice of Places

Retirement Community_____	Funeral Home_____	Wireless Communication_____
Convenience Store_____	Gift Shop_____	Lighting Company_____
Computer Store_____	Video Store_____	Internet Service_____
Grocery Store_____	Tanning Salon_____	Women's Accessory_____
Women's Clothing_____	Electronics Dealer_____	Cash Advancement_____
Place for Bargains_____	Tire Dealer_____	Insurance Company_____
To Buy Furniture_____	A C & Heating_____	College/University_____
Best Overall Business_____	Liquor Store_____	Western Wear_____
Jewelry Store_____	Child Care Center_____	Bedding Store_____
Shoe Store_____	Hotel_____	Mortgage Company_____
Summer Camp_____	Home Security_____	Children's Clothing_____
Financial institution_____	Bookstore_____	Men's Clothing_____
Used Auto Dealer_____	Flooring Company_____	Cable or Satellite Company_____
New Auto Dealer_____	Real Estate Agency_____	Manufactured Home Dealer_____
Beauty Salon_____	Church_____	Overall Car Care Center_____
Community Festival/Event_____	Oil Change_____	Auto Body Shop_____
Garden Center_____	Golf Course_____	Family Fun_____
Appliance Store_____	Nail Salon_____	Car Accessory_____
Florist_____	Meeting Facility_____	Doctor's Office_____
Cleaners_____	Glass Company_____	Karate Instruction_____
Paint Store_____	Firearm Center_____	Towing Service_____
Pharmacy/Drug Store_____	Frame Service_____	Auto Detailer_____
Hardware Store_____	Engraving Service_____	Pet Grooming_____
Places to Exercise_____	Pest Control_____	



# Time for an honorable mention



RPI Michael W. Music Jr. is presented with a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, presented for his selection as the NSA Mid-South Senior Sailor of the Year for 2005. Cmdr. Rusty Chang, NSA Mid-South executive officer, makes the presentation. (Photo by Art Frith)



RP2 (FMF) Edmond P. Garrett is presented with a plaque honoring him for his selection as the NSA Mid-South's Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2006. During the ceremony, Garrett also received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal recognizing his service with 1st Marine Division. Cmdr. Rusty Chang, NSA Mid-South executive officer, makes the presentation. (Photo by Art Frith)



Brian Sebastian (right) receives the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Finance Center Team Player of the Quarter Award from Thomas L. Brockman, USACE Finance Center Director. Mr. Sebastian is an accounting technician in the Debt Management Division. (U.S. Army photo)



Employees from the Fleet and Family Support Center, Housing Office and MWR activities are recognized for their efforts during the hurricanes Katrina and Rita evacuations with a letter of appreciation from Rear Adm. Robert O. Passmore, the commander of Task Force Navy Family. Those base agencies earned their recognition by assisting more than 20,000 personnel, both military and civilian, and family members relocated to NSA from the Gulf Coast region. (Photo by Art Frith)



Dale Eads is presented with a length-of-service award from Cmdr. Rusty Chang, NSA Mid-South executive officer. Eads has been in federal service for 15 years. (Photo by Art Frith)

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